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For Brownsville and the Valley:  
Fair to partly cloudy and continued  
warm Wednesday night and Thurs-  
day.

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# MOVE TO STIR BUYING POWER

## 'Wild Bill' Hallahan Opposes Waite Hoyt in 5th Game

### IN OUR VALLEY

HEARD OUR first political announcement yesterday. Brownsville man announced his intention of running for one of the county offices.

Asked him his platform. He had none. Which was in his favor. Asked his qualifications. "None," said he, "except that I am one fine bookkeeper!"

BROWNSVILLE is in line to reduce its tax rate. That is something. At that, the mood folks are in, don't be surprised if you hear some kinks.

People are ready to kick at most anything these days. But seriously, it is good news that the city of Brownsville can cut the tax rate 20c on the \$100 and still keep in line with the work the city has been doing in years gone by.

Careful pruning, careful consideration of expenditure, economy in all departments—there's the answer.

THE TEXAS WEEKLY started it. With an article headed "Could Texas Make and Market Tires?"

Which article pointed out that rubber, cotton, sulphur and carbon black are among the principal commodities going into the manufacture of tires.

The Freeport Facts picks up the article and suggests a tire factory for that thriving Gulf port city.

Along comes the Port Arthur News and asks, "If the idea is good for Freeport, why not for Port Arthur?"

And we are not ashamed to play third fiddle in this asking. If the idea is good for Freeport and Port Arthur, why not for Brownsville or any other Valley city?

As Freeport and Port Arthur point out. We will have a port. That port will be near to supplies of sulphur and cotton. Not too far from the source of carbon black.

And nearer, far nearer, to rubber supplies than are the great tire manufacturing centers of the north.

WANTED: SOME Valley farmer to experiment with seaweed, kelp, or whatever you want to call it. As a fertilizer.

Last year, if you remember, countless tons of kelp were washed ashore on Brazos Island.

Col. Sam Robertson advanced the idea that this weed of the sea should and would make good fertilizer. Had seen it tried in Canada. So have we.

Also in France and England. Col. Sam said he thought our kelp was the same variety as used in Canada and abroad.

### CARDS LEAD 1 TO 0 AT END OF 3RD

#### 'Pepper' Martin Takes Clean-Up Place For Cardinals

SHIBE PARK, Philadelphia, Oct. 7. (AP)—The sun broke through the clouds over an hour before time for the fifth game of the World series today and chased away the drizzle that had been falling on the American league playing field most of the morning.

The veteran right hander, Waite Hoyt, who pitched in six previous World series for the Yankees, was selected to twirl for the Athletics today against Southpaw Bill Hallahan of the Cardinals in the fifth game.

Gabby Street shook up the St. Louis Cardinal batting order, lifting the dynamic "Pepper" Martin, sensational youngster who is hitting .646 and stolen four bases, to fourth place in the batting, the cleanup position, taking the place of Jim Bottomley, who was dropped into Martin's old place, sixth position.

First Inning—Cardinals. Adams up: Strike one, called; Adams singled down the third base line. Dykes lunged at the ball but missed.

Watkins replaced Roetger in another quick shift and High ran for Adams. Watkins up: Watkins threw off to Simmons.

Frisch up: Hoyt threw to first; ball one, outside; foul, strike one; Frisch drove a hit to center and High raced to third; on the throw in Frisch went to second.

Martin up: Ball one, low; ball two, inside; strike one, called; Martin fled to Simmons and High scored easily after the catch.

Frisch held second. Hefey up: Hefey grounded out, Williams to Fox.

One run, two hits, no errors, one left.

Second Inning—Cardinals. Bishop up: Bishop hoisted to Watkins, who came in fast to catch the short fly.

Haas up: Strike one, swung; ball one, inside; ball two, swung; ball three, high outside; strike two, called; Haas fanned on a called third strike.

Cochrane up: Strike one, called; Cochrane popped to Frisch. No runs, no hits, no errors, none left.

Third Inning—Cardinals. Bottomley up: Strike one, called; ball one, inside; Bottomley hit sharply to right field for a single.

Wilson up: Foul, strike one; foul, strike two; ball one, high; Wilson fled to Miller.

Gelbert up: Gelbert bounced to Williams and Bottomley was forced at second base, William to Bishop. Gelbert beat the relay to first.

Hallahan up: Foul strike one; Hallahan bounded to Williams, who juggled the ball long enough to miss a force out but recovered to throw out Hallahan at first.

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### \$400,000 Cash, Hoarded by Aged Woman, Taken Over by Court Order

NEW YORK, Oct. 7. (AP)—A little old lady of 93 years wondered today why the law should take her hoard of \$400,000 in cash from its numerous hiding places in her modest hotel room.

"I don't want anybody to take care of me," said Mrs. Ide E. Wood, who once reigned over Fifth Avenue salons and danced with King Edward VII when he was the crown prince.

"I'm 93 years old—and that's old enough for me to take care of myself."

A bewildering treasure was revealed yesterday when officers, acting under a court order declaring Mrs. Wood incompetent, searched her quarters at the Herald Square hotel.

Confronted with the court order, Mrs. Wood surrendered her treasure reluctantly. From the folds of her old fashioned frock she produced a parcel. In it were bills of large denominations—many of them half a century old.

Altogether there was \$400,000 in cash. For years she had kept it, not trusting banks or investments.

There were bills long since out of circulation. In the room, too, were trunks filled with laces, deflated bustles, satin ball gowns, watches studded with diamonds, taffeta petticoats, dance programs, tiny shoes and jewelry.

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### OVER VALLEY



Permission was granted by the communications department of Mexico today to Maj. Jimmy Doolittle, former army ace, to attempt a 2,400 mile speed race from Ottawa, Canada to Mexico City, via Brownsville, next Monday. Associated Press dispatches said this morning. He will fly over Washington, Birmingham, Ala., Corpus Christi and Brownsville.

### VALLEY PAIR'S FATE UNDECIDED

Convicted Killers Get Hearing At Austin Today

(Special to The Herald) EDINBURG, Oct. 7.—Fate of Nicandro Munoz and Victor Rodriguez, convicted murderers of Bert Ellison, 28-year-old customs officer, in August, 1930, will be decided by the court of criminal appeals in Austin within the next few days, it was learned last night.

Application for writ of habeas corpus was made by Joe T. Canales and John I. Kleiber of Brownsville, attorneys for the condemned men. Monday, late yesterday the court of civil appeals set the hearing for the writ for 10 o'clock this morning.

Judge Kleiber left last night for Austin for the hearing.

Rogers Kelley, of the Edinburg law firm of Kelley, Looney and Norvell, has been employed as special prosecutor to assist the state's attorney at the hearing. Kelley was assistant district attorney and led the prosecution at the time the men were sentenced to die in the electric chair last October. Kelley also left last night for the Austin hearing.

At the trial in October the pair was given the death sentence, the first to be given by a Hidalgo county court. The case was taken to the court of criminal appeals, which upheld the decision of the Hidalgo court. Execution was set for June 19.

Several days before the date of execution the discovery was made that a young attorney, employed by the defendants, was not a licensed attorney.

Execution was stayed until July 11, and later until October, until the court of criminal appeals was in session.

The murder of the young customs officer was one of the bloodiest in the history of the Valley.

Several days following his murder Margarito Rodriguez, brother of Victor, was shot to death by officers when he attempted to escape arrest.

Another in the band of alleged murderers, Jose Maria Lopez, was given a life sentence in connection with the murder.

Ellison's murder took place at a ball near Harlingen where he was surrounded as he walked into a clearing near the ball. He and other officers were looking for bootleggers.

According to testimony at the trial, Margarito and the others had sworn revenge on the first American officer to cross their paths, as Margarito's wife had recently been deported.

Fruit Quarantine Inspection Begins

(By Staff Correspondent) HARLINGEN, Oct. 7.—Establishment of a road station near Fairlurrias for inspection of grapefruit and oranges taken out of the Valley is expected to take place within a few days.

### HOOVER AVERS FOOLISH ALARM IS UNJUSTIFIED

#### Adequate Credit For Agriculture Among Proposals

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7. (AP)—A momentous six-point program for marshalling the nation's latent buying power into commercial channels today was laid before the American people with the unified endorsement of Pres. Hoover and political captains.

It included liberalization of the government's own rediscount restrictions to permit acceptance of certain classes of industrial securities now ineligible; creation of a \$500,000,000 corporation by private bankers to handle the frozen paper

(By The Associated Press) The president's six-point program:

1. Creation of a half-billion dollar private credit agency to handle credits unacceptable to the reserve banks.

2. Liquidation of some of the frozen assets of insolvent banks.

3. Appointment of regional bankers committees to aid generally in credit expansion.

4. Liberalization of the rules to permit reserve banks to handle a wider variety of securities.

5. If necessary, creation of a government credit agency similar to the old War Finance corporation.

6. Strengthening of the resources of the federal land banks to further accommodate the farmer.

of insolvent banks and supply some cash soon to hard-pressed depositors, and expansion of the federal land bank system to provide more adequate credit accommodations for agriculture.

Bi-Partisan Conference

Placed before a colorful bi-partisan conference of congressional leaders last night at the White House, the administration's domestic plan won the thumbs up in principle. While congressional action will be required eventually to carry the program to completion, no special session is contemplated.

The president failed, however, to gauge the reaction of the men with Premier Laval of France, on the latter's visit to Washington this month, extension beyond next June of the inter-governmental debt moratorium. In one of the flurries of opposition which gave the chief executive an insight into congressional floor action, he was told that any discussions of this kind with the French premier would be on his own responsibility.

Full support of the people for the program was asked by Mr. Hoover.

In making public after midnight the proposals which had brought the democratic and republican leaders hurrying from all parts of the country, he said "foolish alarm" was delaying the return of better times.

Fears Unjustified

"The prolongation of the depression by the succession of events in Europe," he said, "affecting as they have both commodity and security prices, has produced in some localities in the United States an apprehension which was justified in view of the thousand-fold resources which we have for meeting any demand."

"Foolish alarm in these sections has been accompanied by wholly unjustifiable withdrawal of currency from the banks."

"There is no justification for any such situation in view of the strength of our banking system, and the strong position of our federal reserve system."

"Our difficulty is a diffusion of resources and the primary need is to mobilize them in such a way as to restore in a number of localities the confidence of the banker in his ability to continue normal business and to dispel any conceivable doubts in the mind of those who do business with him."

Group Meets Today

Following closely his conference with the congressional pilots and more intensive discussions with private financial leaders which have occupied him for days, the president called together today a group of representative real estate men and bankers for further conferences at the White House.

This unusual grouping of the legislative and administrative branches of the government in a common cause agreed to support, in addition to the three major points, appointment of regional bankers committees to aid generally in credit expansion; liquidation of some of the frozen assets of insolvent banks, and other institutions; and, if necessary, creation of a government credit agency similar to the old War Finance corporation.

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### CAPONE'S JURY SET FOR TRIAL

#### Defense Sees Same Men In Box Who Heard Evidence Two Years Ago

CHICAGO, Oct. 7. (AP)—The underworld earnings of Al Capone, Chicago's public enemy No. 1, are to come under the scrutiny of a federal court jury of 12 elderly salesmen, farmers, tradesmen, and small businessmen.

Witnesses will tell what they know of Capone's profits from liquor, gambling, and vice in Chicago. The jurors will decide whether the scared-face gangster evaded paying income tax on his earnings.

Capone was in fine fettle for the trial. For the jurors, it was just the trial of "a man named Capone," who is charged by the government with committing a crime in connection with his income tax reports.

Only one matter threatened the serenity of the trial. That was the defense attorney's objection to the manner in which the venire was drawn. He declared it could not be a coincidence that several of the veniremen were members of a grand jury which considered evidence concerning Capone two years ago.

Speed with which the jury was selected, occupying only about five hours, indicated the government plans to push the case against Capone to conclusion in as rapid time as possible.

29 Carloads Of Fruit Move Out

(By Staff Correspondent) SAN BENITO, Oct. 7.—Movement of 49 carloads of citrus fruit from the Valley Wednesday morning brought the season's total to 226 cars, shippers announced today.

Of this number two carloads have been oranges and several have been mixed cars.

The Missouri Pacific has shipped 230 carloads of citrus fruit of this season's crop.

Texas Post Asks Vote On Dry Law

TERRELL, Oct. 7. (AP)—American Legion Post No. 162 passed a resolution here last night condemning the action of the national body in the liquor prohibition amendment to the Detroit convention. There were no dissenting votes.

Negroes Fight Texan

CORPUS CHRISTI, Oct. 7. (AP)—A mob of 18 negro men and boys attacked a non-union dock worker last night. Several shots were fired but none took effect. Police arrested five of the negroes and detained them for investigation. The disturbance was an outgrowth of the longshoremen's strike against wage reductions.

Peace Is Seen

NANKING, China, Oct. 7. (AP)—High officials asserted here today the deadlock in the peace negotiations at Canton between the Nanking and the insurgent Canton government had been broken, the insurgent leaders having agreed to waive demands which hitherto had blocked a settlement.

Sculptor Dies

STOCKBRIDGE, Mass., Oct. 7. (AP)—Daniel Chester French, dean of American sculptors, died at his summer home today. He had been in ailing health for several months.

### BEST FARM GIRL



She's a winner! Miss Maurine Hamann, crowned champion farm girl at the Los Angeles county fair in Pomona, Calif., is shown here with some of the corn she husked. She rolled up high scores in the milking, churning, corn husking, tractor driving and other farming events.

### COTTON UP ON EARLY TRADING

Stocks Jump 1 to 5 Points But Ease Off Toward Middle of Day

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 7. (AP)—Resuming the advance of yesterday on a favorable view of the new White House credit proposals for stimulation, cotton gained a little more than \$1 a bale in the first hour of trading today. Firmer stocks helped the rally.

December contracts moved up 22 points to regain a place in the six cent class, being quoted at 6.02.

Before the end of the first hour, however, profit-taking and hedge selling attracted by the higher prices put in an appearance and prices eased 12 to 14 points from the best.